

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG  
*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #508*

**For the bread which You have broken,  
For the wine which You have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken,  
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that You love us,  
By Your gift of peace restored,  
By Your call to heaven above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore You  
Seated at the heavenly board,  
May the Church still waiting for You  
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In Your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world to which You send us  
Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.© Public Domain**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

*"Step by Step"*

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

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POSTLUDE: *"We Are God's People"* - Johannes Brahms & Fred Bock"

**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026-10:15AM**

PRELUDE: *"Variations on He Leadeth Me"* - arr. Lani Smith

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS Ephesians 1:1-14 p. 1,817  
*"Essential Tenants"*

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #260*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

**(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
(R) And also with you.**

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Deacons - *Matt Cunningham and Bob Kovanic*

Elders – *Lynette McCulloch and Sherri Webber-Mains*

Scripture (Based on Ephesians 4:1-6, 12-13 & 1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Constitutional Questions, Ordination Prayer

Questions to the Congregation:

**Do** we the members of the church accept...the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Do** we agree to respect the decisions of the Ruling Elders on Session...serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**Do** we promise to encourage and support our Deacons, Ruling Elders and one another as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ here in this place?

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 2:13-23 p. 1,498

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) **Thanks be to God.**

*“20/20 Hindsight”*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD IN SONG

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #281*

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

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PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

*“Baptized in Water”*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing**

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*All are invited to participate.*

*We hold the bread and eat together. We drink the cup when served.*